

## SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

Page 1, delete the two paragraphs in lines 9-14.

Page 3, substitute the following paragraph for that in lines 21-27:

Referring to Figures 1 and 2, a graduated spoke is indicated generally at 10. The spoke comprises a central region 12 and an end region 14. A known, graduated spoke has a ~~17~~ seventeen gauge central region and a ~~14~~ fourteen gauge end region. Such a spoke was modified, according to the present invention, to produce the spoke 10. The central region 12 of the spoke 10 is ~~17~~ seventeen gauge and has a nominal diameter of approximately 58 thousandths of an inch. The end region 14 of the spoke 10 is ~~14~~ fourteen gauge and has a nominal diameter of approximately 80 thousandths of an inch. A portion 16 of the end portion 14 is threaded.

Page 9, substitute the following paragraph for that in lines 2-7 of page 9:

A spoke for a tensioned spoke wheel is disclosed. The spoke ~~comprises~~ has a shaft ~~having~~ with first and second ends. A first segment of the shaft, adjacent the first end, has a given cross-sectional area while a second segment of the shaft has a cross-sectional area less than the given area. The second segment is adjacent, and toward the second end from, the first. The surface of a part of the ~~second unthreaded portion of the first~~ segment is shaped to form at least two opposed, flat, torque transmitting surfaces.